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Dear Josh,

I am enclosing the report of our 8th Workshop on Chemical Warfare. It was a good meeting with excellent participants, and I believe we made some progress on the question of on-site inspection. Unfortunately, Bob Mikulak had to return to Washington unexpectedly, but with Col. Sanches and Matt Meselson the USA side was well represented.

Matt and I had opportunities to talk privately with Acad. Oleg Reutov and USSR Ambassador (to the CD) Issraelyan about the Sverdlovsk affair. They stick firmly to their explanation. They did not exclude, however, the possibility of a private meeting of scientists from the USA, USSR and perhaps other countries to discuss Sverdlovsk amongst other public health and medical questions, provided Sverdlovsk was not the exclusive subject. Let's see.

Best regards to you and Marguerite.

Yours,



M. M. Kaplan

*Matt has doubtless
briefed you.*

*P.S. The pre-1919 Soviet literature on anthrax that Julian
Hogtman sent me is unimpressive in distinguishing in halitosis from
intestinal anthrax but the former is very rare. [Who would recognize it?]*

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